

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were presented for examination.

Claims 1-30 were subject to restriction among the following inventions:

1. Embodiment 1 having a structure as depicted in Figures 1A-1D.
2. Embodiment 2 having a structure as depicted in Figures 2A-2E.
3. Embodiment 3 having a structure as depicted in Figures 3A-3E.

Applicant notes that all pending claims are method claims, not device claims, and therefore assumes that the restriction is intended to be between the methods depicted in Figures 1-3 and not between the structures depicted in Figures 1-3 (even though the Office Action uses the term “structure”). If this is not the case, the Examiner is asked to clarify the Office Action.

Applicant elects invention 2: claims 1-10, 13-24 and 26-29. Claims 11-12, 25 and 30 are withdrawn. Applicant requests that the non-elected claims be held in abeyance, pending the allowance of a generic, linking or subcombination claim.

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Closing

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance of all claims herein, claims 1-10, 13-24 and 26-29 as amended, and therefore an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicant's attorney would help advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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